

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 25-3 and 45-56, prior to this paper, were pending in the present application.

By this paper, claims 25-43 and 45-56 are canceled without prejudice and claims 57-65 are added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 25, 27-31, 33, 34, 36-38, 40 and 43, prior to this paper, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being as being unpatentable over Wu in view of Kameyama (U.S. Patent No. 4,472,240).

Claims 25, 27-31, 33, 34, 36-38, 40 and 43 have been canceled, therefore the rejection of claims 25, 27-31, 33, 34, 36-38, 40 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being as being unpatentable over Wu in view of Kameyama (U.S. Patent No. 4,472,240) is now moot.

Claims 50, 52-54 and 56, prior to this paper, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu in view of Chan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,087,586).

Claims 50, 52-54 and 56 have been canceled, therefore the rejection of claims 50, 52-54 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu in view of Chan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,087,586) is now moot.

Claim 51, prior to this paper, was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu and Chan in view of Thomas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,922,318).

Claim 51 has been canceled, therefore, the rejection of claim 51, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being as being unpatentable over Wu and in view of Thomas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,922,318) is now moot.

Claims 26, 35 and 41, prior to this paper, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu and Kameyama and further in view of Thomas.

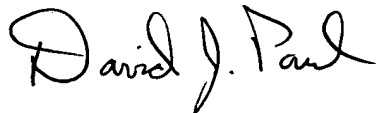
Claims 26, 35 and 41 have been canceled, therefore the rejection of claims 26, 35 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu and Kameyama and further in view of Thomas is now moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

To that end, if the Examiner feels that a conference will expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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